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Hi Koto:

hope you having a nice summer. I was not on the call yesterday but have been on previous ones (and regional NPS coordinator calls) in which there has been discussions of this.

EPA is negotiating with USDA (and OMB) in developing the monitoring approach. I think what you indicated is basically what is being agreed to. But suggest you feel free to contact Katie Flahive at HQ for clarifications (you may have contacted here via e-mail, but I can provide her e-mail). The number of watersheds proposed for monitoring has been scaled back considerably though and I do not know that even one per state will end up being conducted initially.

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Rick

Hope you are well and having a good summer.

Are you familiar with NWQI (National Water Quality Initiative)? I was on the conference call with EPA yesterday and heard a presentation on NWQI. I came out of the conference call with the understanding that under NWQI, each state is supposed to select one of the NWQI watersheds and use 319 funds to monitor water quality. The person was suggesting that we should select watersheds that have baseline information. In addition, USDA/NRCS is supposed to use some of their EQIP funds to do edge of field monitoring. I e-mailed the person who gave the presentation, but thought that you would also know if we are supposed to be using 319 for monitoring NWQI.

Thank you very much,

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